(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in this regard in various daily newspapers of Bihar like 'Hindustan', 'Aaj', 'Dainik Jagran' in the month of June;

(c) whether the Minister of Communications has given an assurance to *restore* such a facility within one week *to* the delegation which came *to* Delhi from Rajgarih; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, The Rajgrih SDCA was merged with Bihar Sharif SDCA for introduction of local dialing codes 923/928 between Patna and Rajgrih at 180 Sec. Pulse rate. This resulted in heavy conjestion of traffic effecting the STD services from Rajgarih.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) To improve the services an additional 2MB/s stream on Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) links has been provided between Patna and Rajgarih. At present there is no congestion of traffic and the STD services from Rajgarih *is* satisfactory.

PCO/STD/ISD booths in various part of the Country

202. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

the number of PCO/STD/ISD booths installed in metropolitan cities. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and NER during the last three years, district-wise, category-wise;

the number of applications lying pending for the installation of such booths in these States;

the reasons for their pendency; and

the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The information is given in the statement, telecom district-wise (see below). The category-wise details of the franchises are not maintained.

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(b) 22606 applications are pending for allotment of STD/ISD/ PCOs in the matropolitan cities, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and NER.

(c) The applications are pending due to non-availability of spare capacity in the exchanges, non-availability of STD facility and reliable media etc.

(d) The pending applications are to be cleared progressively subject to technical feasibility and the applicants fulfilling the other conditions.

Statement

Name of the Telecom District	Number of STD/ISD/PCOs installed	Name of the Telecom District	Number of STD/ISD/PCOs installed
UTTAR PRADESH		17. Jaunpur	903
1. Allahabad	3165	18. Jhansi	1414
2. Azamgarh	1574	19. Kanpur	5271
3. Bahraich	639	20. Lakhimpui	600
4. Ballia	1023	21. Lucknow	5543
5. Banda	387	22. Mainpuri	471
6. Barabanki	751	23. Mau	1445
7. Basti	952	24. Mirzapur	862
8. Etawah	716	25. Orai	391
9. Faizabad	1074	26. Pratapgarh	529
10. Farrukhabad	783	27. Raibareli	603
11. Fatehpur	309	28. Shahjahanpur	623
12. Ghazipur	673	29. Sitapur	522
13. Gonda	725	30. Sultanpur	968
14. Gorakhpur	1837	31. Unnao	475
15. Hamirpur	294	32. Varanasi	2816
16. Hardoi	295	33. Agra	2887

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34. Aligarh	1963	5. Darbhanga	2221
35. Almora	699	6. Dumka	165
36. Badaun	433	7. Gaya	622
37. Bareilly	1080	8. Hazaribagh	295
38. Bijnor	1074	9. Jamshedpur	212
39. Dehradun	1565	10. Katihar	991
40. Etah	445	11. Motihari	542
41. Ghaziabad	3763	12. Muzaffarpur	937
42. Mathura	1068	13. Munger	293
43. Meerut	2976	14. Patna	617
44. Moradabad	1143	15. Ranchi	651
45. Muzaffarnagar	!716	16. Sasaram	81
46. Nainital	868	17. Saharsa	314
47. Pilibhit	176	18. Daltanganj	197
48. Rampur	0390	19. Hazipur (New district)	0
49. Saharanpur	1827	20. Khagaria (New district)	0
50. Srinagar Gwl	602	ORISSA	
51. Uttarkashi	312	1. Balasore	636
BIHAR		2. Baripada	129
1. Arrah	132	3. Berhampur	572
2. Bhagalpur	323	4. Bhawanipatna	48
3. Chapra	1506	5. Bhubaneswar	683
4. Dhanbad	1075	6. Bolangir	84

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7. Cuttack	462	18. Khandwa	131
8. Dhenkanal	111	19. Khargone	168
9. Koraput	246	20. Mandla	57
10. Rourkela	214	21. Mandsaur	331
II. Sambalpur	262	22. Morena	281
MADHYA PRADESH		23. Narsinghpur	61
1. Balaghat	97	24. Panna	22
2. Bastar	163	25. Raigarh	135
3. Betul	89	26. Raipur	409
4. Bhopal	741	27. Raisen	48
5. Bilaspur	430	28. Raj garb.	77
6. Chhatarpur	223	29. Ratlam	166
7. Chhindwara	91	30. Rewa	129
8. Damoh	82	31. Sagar	274
9. Dewas	74	32. Sarguja	103
10. Dhar	115	33. Satna	152
11. Durg	306	34. Seoni	65
12. Guna	107	35. Shahdol	192
53. Gwalior	403	36. Shajapur	64
14. Indore	1038	37. Shivpuri	114
15. Itarsi (Hoshangabad)	252	38. Sidhi	68
16. Jabalpur	413	39. Ujjain	319
17. Jagdalpura (Jhabua)	54	40. Vidisha	106

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RAJASTHAN			23. Tonk	108	
1. Ajmer	670		24. Udaipur	879	
2. Alwar	413		**ASSAM**		
3. Banswara	142		I. Bongaigaon	325	
4. Banner	202		2. Dibrugarh	369	
5. Bharatpur	295		3. Guwahati	1779	
6. Bhilwara	395		4. Jorhat	724	
7. Bikaner	539		5. Nagaon	352	
8. Bundi	14		6. Silchar	407	
9. Chittorgarh	249		7. Tezpur	297	
10. Chum	354		**NORTH-EASTERN**		
11. Jaipur	2723		1. Arunachal Pradesh	298	
12. Jaisalmer	136		2. Manipur	120	
13. Jhalawar	48		3. Meghalaya	325	
14. Jhunjhunu	471		4. Mizoram	90	
15. Jodhpur	467		5. Nagaland	115	
16. Kota	339		6. Tripura	130	
17. Nagaur	217		**METRO DISTRICTS**		
18. PaliMarwar	431				
19. Sawai Madhopur	144		1. Delhi	5058	
20. Sikar	388		2. Mumbai	9150	
21. Sirohi	543		3. Calcutta	5699	
22. Sri Ganganagar	448		4. Chennai	3067	

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